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ORDERS BY MAJ. R. MELVILLE SMITH, M.R.C., ADMINISTRATIVE COMMANDANT.]

1.—PORTUGUESE INFANTRY CO.

It has been decided, if sufficient applicants present themselves for enrolment, to form a Company of Portuguese, British subjects.

Applications for enrolment should be made in writing to the Adjutant at Volunteer Headquarters.

2.—SAND TABLE SCHEME.

The Tactical Scheme referred to in Orders dated July 9th is unavoidably postponed. It will now take place under Major F. C. Roberts, V.C., D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C., at Volunteer Headquarters on Monday, July 26th, at 8 p.m.

3.—STONECUTTERS RANGE.

Stonecutters Range has been allotted to the Corps on Sunday, July 25th and Sunday, August 8th.

O.C.'s Companies except O.C. Reserve Company, should inform the Adjutant at once, if they have not already done so, on which date they wish to use the range.

It is hoped that all members who have not completed Part I. Annual Musketry Course, will make every effort to do so on one of these dates.

Sunday, July 25th:

Range Officer: Capt. W. Brackenridge, M.C.

Launch will leave Murray Pier at 9 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m. sharp.

Dress: Uniform optional, but rifles, bayonets, belts and pouches must be taken.

Arms: Will be drawn from Corps Headquarters on Friday, July 23rd, between 9 a.m. and noon, or 2 and 4 p.m., or 5 and 6 p.m., and on Saturday, July 24th, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

4.—ENGINEER CO.

Members are reminded that Casuals Part I. Musketry Course, will be fired at the Peak Range on Sunday, July 25th, 9.15 a.m. sharp by those who have not yet fired Part I. are requested to attend. Range Officer: 2nd/Lieut. F. W. Foster-Turner.

Dress and arms as detailed for Para 3.

5.—MOUNTED INFANTRY CO.

Mounted Parade on Thursday, July 15th, at 5.30 p.m. at Mounted Infantry Stables.

6.—ARMOURD CAR CO.

Parade at Volunteer Headquarters on Monday, July 19th, at 5.30 p.m.

Vickers Gun Class under C.S.M. Hancock.

Drivers as detailed.

7.—ARMS

Members are reminded that the rifles and bayonets must be returned to Volunteer Stores at once for inspection by the Armourer.

8.—STRENGTH

The following is taken on the strength on July 12th, 1926, and posted to the Reserve Company.

No. 1084 Pte. H. West.

9.—The following extract from the Hongkong Government Gazette, dated July 9th, 1926, is published for information:

"H.E. the Governor has been pleased to accept the resignation by Second-Lieut. Alan Prissmil of his Commission in the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, with effect from the June 4th, 1926."

10.—RESIGNATIONS.

The following are permitted to resign from the Corps:

No. 827 Pte. W. D. Goodfellow, M.C., Reserve Co., dated June 30th, 1926.

No. 828 Pte. J. M. Walker, Reserve Co., dated July 22nd, 1926.

No. 909 Pte. J. L. Litton, A.C. Co., dated June 10th, 1926.

No. 702 Pte. G. S. Hugh-Jones, Engineer Co., dated June 15th, 1926.

11.—STRUCK OFF.

The following having left the Colony are struck off the strength, as from May 1st, 1926:—

No. 576 Pte. H. E. Hollaids, Armoured Car Co.

No. 967 Pte. J. F. Caldas, No. 4 Platoon.

No. 825 Pte. G. H. Gibson, Reserve Co.

G. E. SWINTON, Capt., Adjutant, H.K.V.D.C.

Hongkong, July 16th, 1926.

NOTICE.

BAND CONCERT.

There will be a Band Night at Volunteer Headquarters at 9 p.m. on Friday, August 6th. Tickets: \$1 each are obtainable at Volunteer Headquarters.

FORD PROFITS.

223,000,000 NET IN ONE YEAR

The profits of Mr. Henry Ford, his son and family from the manufacture of motor-cars have been officially disclosed for the first time. In an action brought against the Ford firm for the recovery of \$200,000 for alleged violation of patent rights it was testified that the gross profits of the Ford Motor-car Company for the seven years 1917 to 1924 amounted to \$176,235,000, and that the net profits, all of which went to Mr. Ford and his family, amounted to \$210,300,000.

Mr. Ford's greatest profits were made in 1922, when he and his family netted \$22,100,000.

THREE MEN IN A BOAT.

LONDON TO CALCUTTA.

ATTEMPT TO ROW 12,000 MILES.

THE VIKING BLOOD.

Two Scandinavians with the Viking blood tingling in their young veins have lately started on a perilous voyage from London to Calcutta.

They entered a row-boat at the steps of the London Rowing Club at Putney with the object of rowing 12,000 miles round the coasts of Western Europe, North Africa, Palestine, Persia, and India—a feat of brawn and muscle undreamt of even by Jules Verne.

The men are Captain Niels Ventegodt and Engineer Ewald Tietzel, expert oarsmen, of the Long-Distance Rowing Club of Denmark, and they will be joined later at a French port by Lieutenant Knud Jorgensen.

This modern venture of Three Men in a Boat is a long-distance feat that will call for endurance, resource, and courage, endurance in pulling their weight over five seas and two oceans, resources in finding food and shelter on lonely shores like those of North Africa and the Persian Gulf, and courage in navigating their little craft through shark and crocodile infested waters where no boat of its size has hitherto ventured. They will bivouac on the shores of at least a dozen different countries.

ADVENTUROUS PLANS.

"It is a sporting venture," Captain Ventegodt explained to a *Daily News* representative before starting, "to prove that with the right men in the right boat it is possible to go almost anywhere in a row-boat skirting the coast, keeping an eye on the weather, and finding food and drinking water as one goes along."

"Our boat, the *Viking*, built of cedar wood and of the two-oared-in-rigger type, is only 25 feet long and 3 feet broad, and has sliding seats. We will take it in turns to row and to steer. We will take things leisurely, doing about 40 miles a day, and in the hot climates we will row naked. It is a Danish built boat, but the oars have been made at Putney."

"We anticipate that rowing through European waters will be fairly easy compared with the unknown difficulties that will confront us in Syria and Persia. We intend to cross the Channel from Dover to Boulogne at the week-end and to hug the French, Spanish and Portuguese coast, enter the Mediterranean through the Straits of Gibraltar and pass along the north coast of Africa to Egypt."

Here we will not enter Suez Canal, but will continue along the Palestine and Syrian coasts to Alexandria, where our boat will be carried overland to a place on the Euphrates called Djerabhouse."

OVER CATARACTS.

At this stage the chapter of high adventure will open. We will meet with and, I hope, surmount unknown dangers of the Euphrates, passing over cataracts and getting our food as best we can from the Arabs. We will link up with the Tigris, rowing through Baghdad, returning to the Euphrates, and—passing through Basra and thence through the badly charted delta into the Persian Gulf.

This will be the great test, the most difficult part of the whole voyage. We will have to pierce unhealthy swamps, hot and humid, and dangerous, with all forms of malaria. We will encamp on little known shores infested with lions and tigers, which we will frighten away by fires. We will not carry arms in European waters, but we are taking them as a precaution against hostile tribes in Persia.

"We expect raids by snakes and scorpions and hyenas, and we hope to get our food and water from friendly tribes. We shall be living from hand-to-mouth in a scorching part of the world where no white travellers have ever been under the same conditions."

ROUND INDIA.

Monsoons will be encountered after passing Baluchistan and the *Viking* will put in at Bombay, and if Captain Ventegodt and his men are still fit and up to time they will continue the voyage round India to Calcutta.

Every night the three men will sleep on land. They will carry a primus stove, a spirit compass for foggy weather, and a tent which will be drawn over their boat in the full heat of the tropical days, to prevent it warping or blistering in the sun. If disaster should overtake the *Viking* they will cable for a spare boat in London. Most of the rowing will be done in the early morning and in the evening and on moonlight nights.

All three men are of the same age, namely 31. Captain Ventegodt has made many long-distance sea trips in row-boats in Northern Europe, and one of his greatest feats was to row from Copenhagen to Putney. Their first halts will be Gravesend, Humber Bay and Dover. They expect to accomplish the feat in nine or 12 months.

SCISSORS LEFT IN A MAN'S BODY.

An X-ray photograph of a patient at a Cologne hospital has revealed a pair of scissors lodged in the wall of his stomach.

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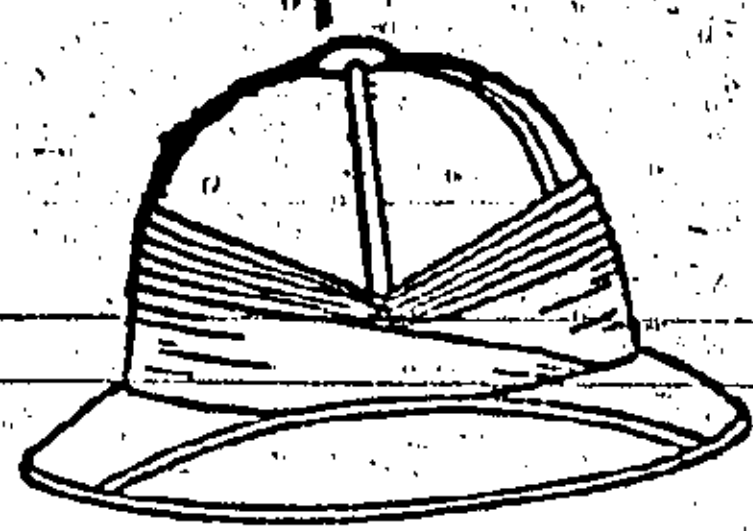
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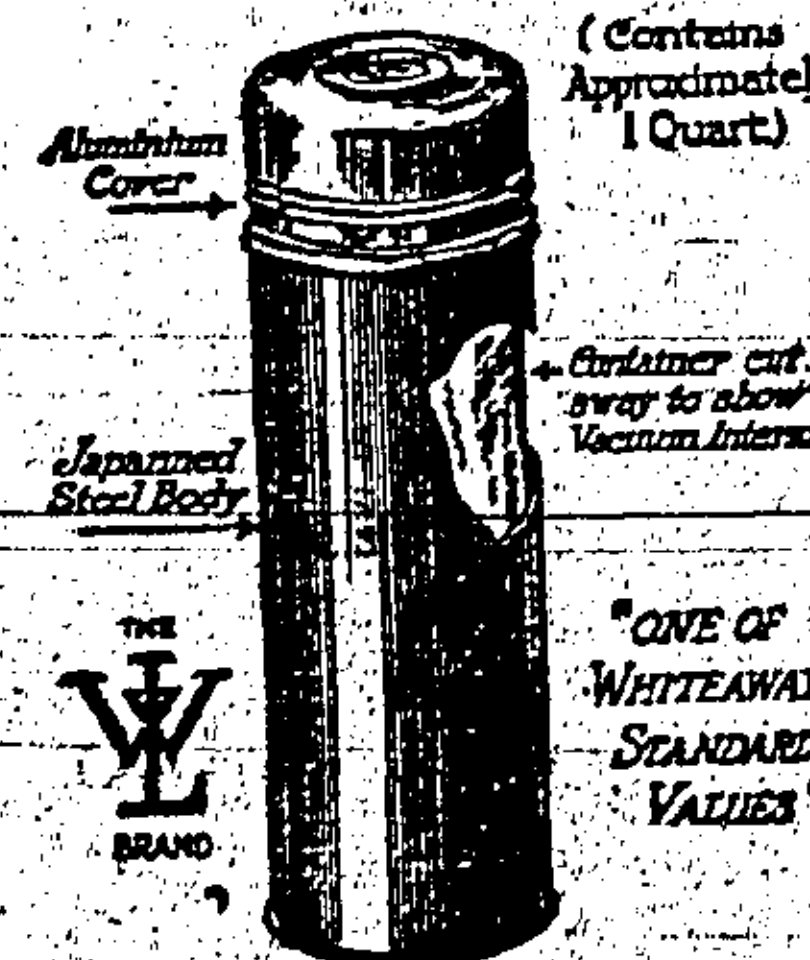
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EUROPEAN CAPTAIN'S
CLAIM.

TWENTY-FOUR HOURS' NOTICE.

CHINESE SHIPPING FIRM AS
DEFENDANTS.

DEFENDANTS GET JUDGMENT.

Mr. John Melville Anderson, master mariner, was the plaintiff in a Supreme Court action yesterday morning in which he claimed \$1,515 damages from the Man Wing Steamship Company, this consisting of three months' salary in lieu of notice.

Mr. H. G. Sheldon, instructed by Mr. J. A. Gordon Leask, was for the plaintiff, and Mr. F. C. Jenkin, instructed by Mr. D. McCallum, was for the defendants.

Mr. Sheldon said that his client was employed by the defendant company as chief officer of the s.s. *Haitian* in December, 1923, and in January of the following year was appointed master, continuing in that capacity until November of that year. His appointment as master following the proceeding Home of Capt. Jones on which recommendation Mr. Anderson was appointed.

The interview at which the appointment was made took place in the presence of Mr. Chang, the managing-director of the company, Mr. Ho, an interpreter, Capt. Jones and Mr. Anderson. At that interview, Mr. Anderson would tell the Court that there was no question of notice discussed at all. There was no written agreement but it was verbally agreed that Mr. Anderson should take over at the same wages and emoluments as Capt. Jones.

THE DISMISSAL.

In November, 1924, when the ship returned to Hongkong, Mr. Ho came on board and handed Mr. Anderson a letter terminating his engagement. No reason was given and Mr. Ho said he could give none. It was not his doing but the decision of the owners. Mr. Ho offered Mr. Anderson a month's wages which Mr. Anderson refused. Mr. Anderson had an interview with the Harbour Master, also with the secretary of the China Coast Officers' Guild, as a result of which he saw solicitors.

Plaintiff had not been able to get employment after his dismissal until January of the following year when he accepted a position as third officer on one of Jardine, Matheson's coastal boats.

The whole question hinged on the interview at which Mr. Anderson was appointed, continued Mr. Sheldon. Mr. Anderson had no knowledge as to what notice Capt. Jones was on. It was not until after his dismissal that Mr. Anderson found out that Capt. Jones had been on a written agreement under which he was liable to 24 hours' notice. There was, however, in Mr. Anderson's case no written agreement and he was entitled to reasonable notice, this being three months.

Mr. Anderson then went into the witness-box and bore out counsel's opening remarks. He had twenty years' experience of the China Coast, he stated, eleven years of which had been with Messrs. Butterfield and Swire as second and chief officer.

Cross-examined by Mr. Jenkin, witness said that his salary with Jardine, Matheson's after he left the employ of defendants worked out of about \$227 a month. He joined them on January 17th, 1925.

Mr. Jenkin: So you were employed for 37 days of the three months in respect of which you make your claim?—Yes.

In answer to further questions, witness said that as chief officer with the defendant company he had been on a 24 hours' notice agreement. When he was master of the ship the chief and second officers had been on 24 hours' notice agreements.

Mr. Jenkin put it to Mr. Anderson that what had taken place at the interview was that he had been engaged "on the same agreement" or "on the same terms" as Capt. Jones.

This witness denied and said that the question of wages and emoluments only was discussed. The interview only lasted a few minutes. Mr. Ho interpreted and told witness that Mr. Chang was agreeable to his being engaged on the same wages and emoluments as Capt. Jones.

MASTER'S STATUS.

Mr. Jenkin: I put it to you that Mr. Chang said to you and Capt. Jones in broken English "altee same agreement, Capt. Jones 24 hours' notice," and that you or at any rate Capt. Jones, said "Yes."

Witness: No, that is not so. Mr. Chang did not speak even in pidgin English.

Mr. Jenkin: Would you have taken the position if it had been offered you on those terms?—No.

Mr. Jenkin: Why not?—I would not consider it a proper agreement for a master.

Asked what ships other than the *Haitian* he had been master of on the China coast, Mr. Anderson replied that he had been master of the *Chuen Chow*, a river boat, and of vessels in Australia.

Mr. Jenkin: Were you not under a 24 hours' notice agreement as master of the *Chuen Chow*?—No.

Mr. Jenkin: When you joined Jardine, Matheson's after your dismissal you were on a 24 hours' notice agreement?—Yes, as junior officer.

AN OLD FRIEND.

Mr. Jenkin: Capt. Jones was a very old friend of yours?—Yes.

Mr. Jenkin: And do you mean to tell us that he neither mentioned to you neither did you know of your own knowledge that he was on a 24 hours' notice agreement?—Yes. It was not until his return that I found that out. He said he forgot to tell me.

THE DEFENCE.

The evidence of Mr. Anderson having concluded the case for the plaintiff, Mr. Jenkin briefly addressed the Court before calling Mr. Chang to give evidence. He spoke of the practice followed by the defendant company in engaging masters on 24 hours' notice and said that it was "incomprehensible" that this very important factor would have been entirely omitted from the interview as a result of which Mr. Anderson was appointed.

Mr. Chang and Mr. Ho gave evidence, and said that Capt. Anderson was informed that he was appointed master on the same conditions as Capt. Jones held the mastership. They further stated that Mr. Anderson was definitely told that he could be dismissed on 24 hours' notice. Mr. Ho denied that when he handed Mr. Anderson the letter of dismissal, that he had offered him a month's salary.

ACUTE CONFLICT OF EVIDENCE.

In his final address, Mr. Jenkin referred to the departure of Capt. Jones for Hongkong on private affairs, and how, after being only six weeks on the boat, Mr. Anderson received the position. The conflict of evidence in the case was acute. Mr. Anderson was asking his Lordship to believe that at the interview all essential terms were discussed with the exception of the most important factor, the period of notice. The defence contended that Mr. Anderson fell into Capt. Jones's shoes, and accepted all the conditions under which the latter had been employed. Which of these two versions, the defendants' or the plaintiff's was the most probable? It was incomprehensible that the parties should have met and discussed the minor terms of the engagement, and wholly disregarded the major terms. The termination of contractual relationship was always in the forefront in such cases. Plaintiff agreed that wages and emoluments were mentioned, but denied that he was informed that he could be dismissed on 24 hours' notice.

INCONCEIVABLE CONTENTIONS.

Continuing, Mr. Jenkin asked his Lordship to accept as untrue Mr. Anderson's statement that in spite of his long friendship with Capt. Jones, and the fact that he recommended him for the post, he had no idea whatever that Capt. Jones was under an agreement whereby he could be dismissed with 24 hours' notice. It was inconceivable that Mr. Anderson did not know. Counsel further held an unsupportable statement made by Mr. Anderson that he had known of the 24 hours' notice he would not have accepted the position. In January, 1924, there were a number of men with master's certificates who would be very willing to take up any position leading to them.

THE BENEFIT OF THE DOUBT.

Mr. Sheldon said that the question was whether at the interview the same terms under which Capt. Jones was employed were wholly stated to Mr. Anderson. The defence claimed that Mr. Chang had informed Mr. Anderson in pidgin English about the 24 hours' notice and that he nodded in assent. Whenever the terms of notice were not stipulated, it was implied that reasonable notice should be given. Capt. Anderson's evidence had not been shaken, and if there was any doubt in the case, he should have the benefit of it. Mr. Sheldon then quoted a few cases, amongst which was one of Mr. Justice Gompertz's.

AN OMISSION.

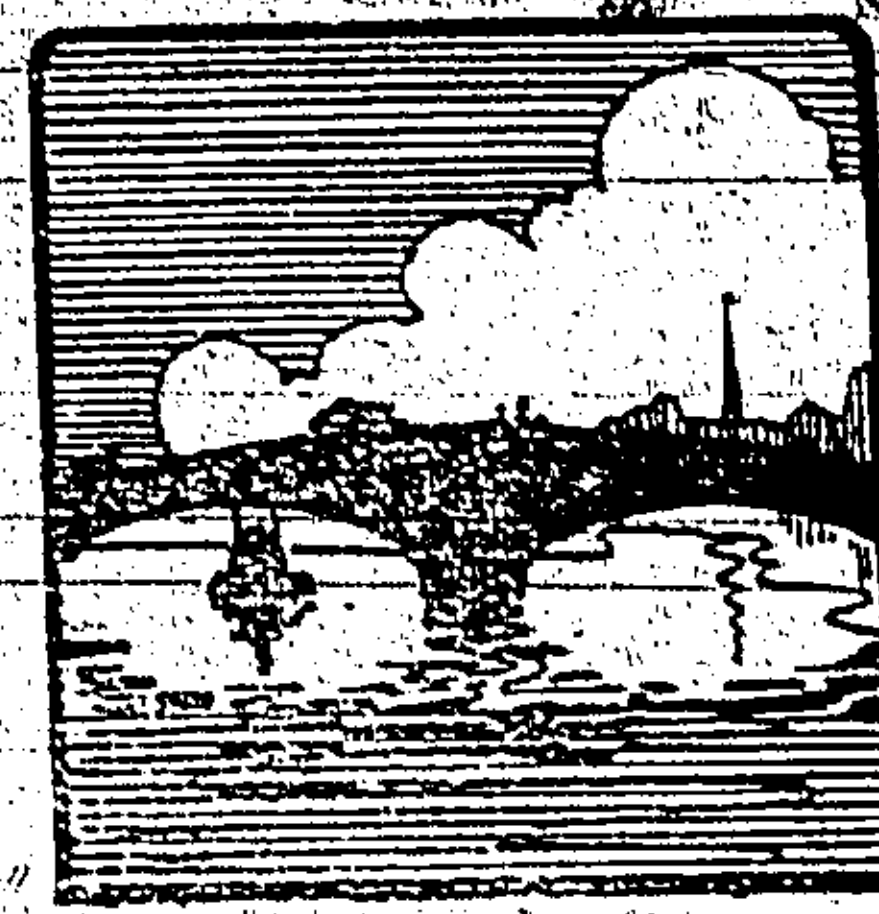
In delivering judgment, Sir Henry Gollan (the Chief Justice) said that it was rather remarkable that, if as Mr. Anderson said, there was no discussion in regard to the period of engagement, Mr. Anderson had also stated that when notice was given to him, Mr. Ho also offered him a month's wages in lieu of notice. In the correspondence between the solicitors of the parties, the first letter from plaintiff set out a claim for wrongful dismissal, stating that he was entitled to reasonable notice, which was three months. Defendants immediately replied that Capt. Anderson was only entitled to 24 hours' notice. It was remarkable that the plaintiff's solicitors had not once stated that a month's wages had been offered him.

Plaintiff also claimed that a notice of 24 hours did not apply to masters. As a matter of fact, Capt. Jones was under such an agreement. His Lordship, therefore, found it difficult to understand that Capt. Anderson did not know the conditions under which Capt. Jones was employed. It would be reasonable to suppose that Capt. Jones's terms would be freely discussed.

MATTER FOR REGRET.

His Lordship greatly regretted that neither side had called Capt. Jones to give evidence. Had he been called, and said that he had never told Capt. Anderson about the 24 hours' notice, then the case for the plaintiff might have been very much stronger.

Continuing, his Lordship said that on the whole it was reasonable to suppose that the very important matter concerning the period of engagement was mentioned at the interview. He had come to that conclusion. He did not think that there was any deliberate attempt to deceive the Court on the part of the plaintiff. The interview was very short, and it was quite possible that Mr. Anderson had not appreciated what had taken place. On the whole he had to believe the story of the defendants. Judgment with costs was, therefore, given to the defendants.

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The entire Shanghai racing stable, the property of the Sir Paul Chater estate, were sold at public auction at the Horse Bazaar, Shanghai, last week. In all 10 ponies were disposed of, *Glorious Dahlia*, the first on the list selling for Tls. 3,000, the purchaser being Mr. S. W. Hee. Chinese owners were much in evidence and bought most of the animals offered.

Details follow:—

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<i>Brilliant Dahlia</i>	100	2,000
<i>Stalwart Dahlia</i>	100	1,800
<i>Early Dahlia</i>	100	250
<i>Beacon Dahlia</i>	50	150
<i>Mystic Dahlia</i>	300	750
<i>Pretty Dahlia</i>	100	900
Total.....	Tls.	10,610

Of the above ponies the first eight are cross breeds, the last two being Chinese ponies.

Several others were also auctioned off:—*Kewiki* at Tls. 65, T.T. at Tls. 375, *Happy Lion* at Tls. 68, *Pineapple* at Tls. 130, a grey and a chestnut griffin at Tls. 475 each.

LOCAL CINEMAS.

"THE PONY EXPRESS."

AT THE QUEEN'S.

Until to-morrow "The Pony Express" will be shown at the Queen's Theatre. As the title suggests, the plot centres about the pony express riders who maintained communication between the East and West in the early days of 1860. The country was at that time undergoing a titanic political upheaval due to the slavery issue, and strenuous efforts were being made to swing California to the Southern cause. It was largely through the instrumentality of the "Pony Express" that the State was saved to the Union cause.

The acting honours are equally divided among Betty Compson, as the popular frontier belle, Ricardo Cortez, in the character of an intrepid pony express rider, Ernest Torrence, who combines religious zeal with blacksmithing, and Wallace Beery, giving an inimitable comedy performance as a lovable roustabout.

"The Pony Express" was adapted by Walter Woods from the story which he wrote in collaboration with Henry James Forman, the well-known author and editor.

AT THE STAR.

"COME ON OVER."

Until to-morrow inclusive, "Come on Over" will be screened at the Star Theatre, Kowloon. This picture, which has the Irish flavor, features Colleen Moore, and it is impossible to imagine anybody of Irish descent not liking it. While those not so intimately connected with the distressful country, as it used to be called, must be sadly deficient of a sense of humour, if they can pass it up without a smile.

There is rollicking fun throughout and Colleen Moore, perhaps, shines more naturally in this picture than in any other of her hoydenish flapper roles. At the same time, the film is not devoid of touching episodes and provides a thoroughly enjoyable two hours' entertainment which should not be missed.

CASTLE PEAK BUS SERVICE.
TO BE INAUGURATED NEXT WEEK.

Full details regarding the proposed new bus service from Kowloon to Castle Peak are to be advertised shortly.

The Duro Motor Company intend inaugurating such a service next week-end, and this will provide an easy means of transit to this noted bathing resort for those who hitherto have had to hire cars, etc., to get there. The new bus, which it is intended to put on the road as an English make chassis, with a locally built body, it will seat twenty passengers, either all first class, or eight first and twelve second class.

The route will be between Mongkok and Un Long, Castle Peak being taken in on the way there and back. At present the bus is only to be run as an experiment, but if the demand is sufficient to justify the step, an exclusive bathers' service will be run, and the Duro Motor Company will be prepared to place additional buses on the run.

The bus will be known as the New Territories Bus Company and provisional fares are, Kowloon to Castle Peak 80 cents and to Un Long \$1. Starting times are to be advertised when the service commences.

ALLEGED FORGED BANKNOTES.

TIMBER MERCHANT DISCHARGED.

At the Central Magistracy yesterday, before Major C. Williams, Chinese, master of a timber merchant's business in Shun Tak, appeared on remand on a charge of being in possession of three forged ten-dollar banknotes.

Evidence showed that he was arrested on the 6th instant when about to board the s.s. *Kwai Shan* for Macao, as he had in his possession the notes in question. One note was found in his girdle and the other two among his personal property.

Mr. M. K. Lo, who appeared for the defence, said that the man was given the notes by a friend in Canton to bring to Hongkong. On his arrival in the Colony defendant found they were forged notes and decided to take them back to Canton. He had no intention of passing them off in Hongkong, submitted Mr. Lo, and was unaware they were forged until he arrived here. He immediately made up his mind to take them back to his friend.

His Worship held there was a grave doubt in the case, and discharged defendant.

CALIFORNIA COLLEGIANS.

One of the feature soloists with Brick Morse's California Collegians, formerly the University of California Glee Club, who are appearing at the Theatre Royal on July 19th and 21st, is Ray Orton, a Scottish-American lad who makes a specialty of Scottish songs in the native dialect, with which he is well acquainted. These songs of a humorous order he sings in such a way that is vastly entertaining, while in singing the ballads of his native heath, he does so with a wealth of feeling and a tenderness which shows his utmost sincerity.

Brick Morse's California Collegians is a specialty Glee Club of one hundred University of California Students (twenty of the best of them are on the present trip to the Orient) and was formerly known as the California Glee Club. It has been presenting shows all over the world for the past few summers with tremendous success. The Club has toured the Orient, Europe, Alaska, Canada, and the United States several times and is once again touring the Orient this summer.

The late Mr. Robert Yeats, Cumberland House, Kensington, late of Messrs. Edward Bairstow & Co., London, Singapore, and Penang, who died aged 69 on March 20th, left £77,399 (net personalty £20,148).

THE ARMED PICKETS.

REQUEST FROM THE KUOMINTANG.

Many Chinese are of the opinion that the boycott will be ended shortly. They base their opinion upon the fact that the Kuomintang General Headquarters is asking the Canton Strike Committee, especially the organised and armed pickets, to form themselves into a military reserve for service as may be required behind the Army's front line.

The Hongkong delegates to Canton were accompanied by a number of influential Chinese from the Colony. These are not acting in any way officially but are supplementing the efforts of the officials by taking up discussions with Canton merchants and others who desire to see the boycott difficulties settled.

The impression is growing even among the strikers that the present situation will soon be changed and some of them are becoming resigned to the idea of the abolition of the existing arrangements for board and lodging. One of them recently disposed of his ticket for \$10. The purchaser apparently thought that the possession of the ticket would entitle him to all strikers' privileges, but he was quickly disillusioned. He was very promptly told that he could not have his meals in the strikers' quarters even though he had paid \$10 as the price of admission.

COST OF LIVING.

Statistics published in Canton show to what extent. The prices of a great many articles have risen since 1913. The increase in the cost of living may be judged from the fact that rice since 1913 has risen 92.8 per cent.; other foodstuffs show an average increase of 74.4 per cent. Clothing has risen 57.8 per cent., fuel 169.5 per cent., metals and building materials 86.5 per cent. Miscellaneous articles show an average rise of 88.8 per cent. Roughly costs all round have doubled. The figures are published by the Bureau of Agriculture and Labour.

TRADE WITH YANGTSE.

The trouble with shippers and importers regarding pilferage of goods by searchers and pickets having now been settled. Canton merchants are again placing orders for beans and other products with the Yangtze ports and the prices of these goods have now returned almost to normal.

OIL TAXES.

The Kuomintang tax on petroleum oils has been extended to wood, peanut bean and other oils. This action is drawing protests from merchants in Fatsan where much cargo of this character is handled annually.

SITUATION IN HUNAN.

Upon the fall of Changsha on July 10th, the forces under Yeh Kai Hsin withdrew to Yochow. Marshal Wu Pei Fu, it is said, has wired to General Sun Chuan Fang, the Tupan of Chekiang and Kiangsu, to re-inforce General Yeh. On the evening of July 11th the ousted Tsuchun from Hunan, General Chao Heng Ti, called on emergency conference at the Military Governor's Yamen at Hankow to discuss the situation. Later reports reaching Canton from Hunan state that General Tang Seng Chi, the commander of the pro-Kuomintang troops, would attack Yochow on July 15th.

MURDER OF LIAO CHUNG HOI.

Leung Pok, charged with being an accomplice in the murder of Mr. Liao Chung Hoi, the Kuomintang leader assassinated in August last, has been found guilty and sentenced to be shot. Lon Shing, found guilty in a lesser degree, has been sentenced to three years' imprisonment. Generals Mei Kwong Pei and Kuo Min Hing, who held army commands at the time the crime was committed, have been committed to General Headquarters to be court-martialed. The man who is alleged to have been the chief conspirator is still at large.

TELEPATHIST AND HYPNOTIST.

MAN WHO MESMERISES LIONS.

PROFESSOR LANGNER IN HONGKONG.

A FRIEND OF CARUSO.

A man who is able to hypnotize lions, solve murder mysteries, drive a motor-car blindfolded, and send a telepathic message thousands of miles, is assuredly a rare being. But such a man, Maximilian Langner (Kara-iki), a native of Poland, and a Professor of Psychology, claims to be. He is at present in Hongkong.

Professor Langner is on his last voyage around the world, and he is engaged on a study of the psychology of the races of the East. He has recently been in India and Indo-China, and will later go to North China and Japan. He intends spending some two years in these places.

UNCANNY POWERS.

There is no doubt but that he is possessed of "uncanny powers" in the realm of occult science. Wherever he has been—in Greece, Egypt, Persia, India, or Indo-China—the Press has given glowing accounts of his almost incredible demonstrations; and, sceptics, it is reported, who challenged him, have later become his friends.

A French journal in Indo-China referring to one of his demonstrations in telepathy says: "It was the most convincing demonstration of telepathy yet given to a theatre audience, proving the genuineness of his claim to read the mind of another."

Whilst in Indo-China, according to a report in a French newspaper, he was solely, by telepathy, responsible for the solving of a murder, which had completely baffled the police, and the murderer was captured. In Hanoi, he drove a car blindfolded for a long distance, the occupants of the car being French officials.

LONG DISTANCE TEST.

In India, where he remained for over a year, he had astounding success, and such newspapers as the *Englishman*, the *Evening News*, and the *Statesman* are eulogistic in regard to his demonstrations. Whilst in Calcutta he was challenged by a Dr. Bose to make a long distance telepathic communication. He was asked to communicate with London and Paris. Mr. C. W. Tyson, the manager of Reuters in the city, agreed to confirm the proof or otherwise of the Professor's communications.

Such a test entailed considerable preparation. The telepathist had to remain alone in his room for a long time, and abstained from food for 48 hours. According to the Professor's testimony, which is endorsed by the *Englishman*, the test was a success, the telepathist having stated what was happened in specified streets in Paris and in London at the time. To quote from the paper: "Mr. Tyson was amazed at the speed with which the Professor worked."

IN THE LION'S DEN.

One of the Professor's most notable feats refers to his mesmerizing five lions in an arena in Cairo. The seating accommodation was packed, and hundreds had to be turned away. The lions were said to have been cowed and lay down in the arena. "They became as quiet," says a French paper, "as the docile cats of Angkor."

Whilst in Persia, Professor Langner was given the order of the "Sun and Lion" by the Shah, and presented with a pair of Persian carpets.

CARUSO'S TRIBUTE.

The Professor was a personal friend of the late Enrico Caruso, who was also a student of the occult. Writing to him on one occasion, the great singer said: "You hypnotise the world with your eyes, I hypnotise the world with my voice. Therefore, we are both hypnotisers."

IN A TEMPLE.

It would be impossible to enumerate all the telepathic and hypnotic feats which Langner has accomplished, but the least which can be said of them is that they are amazing. Moreover, he is a gifted scholar, and speaks no less than sixteen languages. As he goes on his journey, in which he gathers the material for the compilation of his book on psychology, he lives amongst the people whom he studies. Whilst in Benares, he spent five weeks in a temple, living like a Hindu. He also writes his experiences for several continental newspapers.

LOCAL DEMONSTRATION.

His stay in Hongkong will be short. On being asked whether he intended to give any demonstrations here, he said that he did not wish to pose as a charlatan, and perform charlatanism. If there was a genuine desire amongst the local people to have him give a demonstration in telepathy and hypnotism, he would do so, but would not give more than one performance. He emphasised that his feats were not illusions. He preferred to have a sceptical audience.

A demonstration of such remarkable powers would certainly be welcomed here. The Press of the cities which he has visited, vouch for the authenticity of his feats. Such eulogies may be regarded as a sufficient guarantee that Professor Langner is a remarkable telepathist and hypnotist.

THE VISIT TO PRATAS.

CHINESE CRUISER "HAI YUNG" ARRIVES.

OFFICIALS LEAVE TO-DAY.

INAUGURATION TO-MORROW.

The Chinese Cruiser *Hai Yung*, flagship of the First Squadron of the Chinese Navy, reached Hongkong yesterday at 3 a.m. with representatives of the Chinese Government who, along with local officials, are proceeding to Pratass in connection with the inauguration to-morrow of the new wireless station on the Pratass Shoals.

When the *Hai Yung* arrived she fired the customary salute, and a reply was sent from Blackhead's signal station. Salutes were also exchanged with the Commodore, the Japanese Imperial Naval training squadron (*Yakumo* and *Itumo*) in port, and the U.S.S. *Helena*.

The *Hai Yung* is a small cruiser of 2,900 tons, with armament consisting of a 6-in. gun at bow and stern, and a two 4-in. guns at each side. Her crew comprises three hundred men.

The cruiser leaves to-day at 1 p.m. for the Pratass, and will reach there in time for the inauguration ceremony of the new wireless station to-morrow morning. She will have on board Rear-Admiral C. L. Chen, in command, and Rear-Admiral C. C. Hsu, Director of the Chinese Coast Guard Administration (under whose jurisdiction and control the new station will be placed). Officers on board will include the Directors of the Peking and Tsingtau Observatories; and, it is hoped, Mr. A. F. Claxton (Director of the Hongkong Observatory); the officer in charge of the Cape D'Aguilar Radio Station, Lieut. Comdr. G. F. Hole, R.N. (Harbour Master); Mr. E. W. Carpenter (of the Public Works Department); and Mr. N. R. M. Shaw (Commissioner of the Chinese Maritime Customs for Kowloon), invitations having been sent to these gentlemen.

The story of the Pratass and the arrangements made there in connection with the wireless station, have already been published in the *Daily Press*, but it might be added that the new station, from which meteorological reports will be broadcasted, is being opportunely opened at the commencement of the typhoon season. Pratass is situated about 180 miles south of Hongkong. By reason of its position being in the track of the majority of the typhoons which come up the China Coast way—the Pratass Island are of great importance. It is, of course, Chinese territory.

The *Hai Yung* is due back in Hongkong next Sunday.

ABERDEEN MURDER CHARGE.

BRICKLAYER COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

DENIES STABBING HIS WIFE.

The adjourned case, in which a Chinese bricklayer is charged with the murder of his wife at 24, Wu Pak Street, Aberdeen, on June 21st, was concluded before Mr. R. E. Lindell, at the Central Magistracy yesterday, the man being committed for trial at the August Criminal Sessions.

It will be recalled, as reported in Tuesday's issue, that frequent quarrels are alleged to have taken place between the husband and wife, who had separated over domestic matters, the woman going to live at Aberdeen where her husband occasionally visited her, although he had not supported her for a matter of two years, following their separation. The basis of the quarrels, it was stated, was that the husband had thought his wife in love with his brother-in-law; while they had also had words over family matters. On the morning of June 21st, although occupants of the house had heard no quarrel, the husband is alleged to have inflicted a fatal wound in his wife's throat with a chisel, while she was in bed. As a result of this wound she died, and the man was subsequently charged with murder.

HEARD QUARRELS.

Yesterday, Mr. T. M. Hazlerigg, Assistant Crown Solicitor, again appeared to prosecute, and a woman witness was called who said she lived in a cubicle adjoining that in which the defendant, his wife and family lived. While they were living on her (witness's) floor she heard them quarrel once, two or three days before the tragedy. She heard the defendant blaming his wife for not telling him about the betrothal of their daughter. On the night before the tragedy, witness returned home at 10.30 p.m. and the defendant and family were then asleep. She heard no quarrel that night. About 5.30 in the morning she was aroused by a big cry, as though someone was in pain. She thought it was a woman's voice. Witness went into the passage where she was the eldest son and the defendant walking towards a rear cubicle. Witness followed them.

This evidence concluded the case for the Crown.

DEFENDANT'S STATEMENT.

The defendant, making a statement, denied that he stabbed his wife. He said that the death of the woman was purely accidental. His wife, the husband said, had the chisel and attempted to strike him with it. He warned the blow off, and in some way his wife accidentally plunged the chisel into her throat.

As stated, defendant was committed for trial.

SHOT DEAD IN STREET.

SENSATION IN CENTRAL DISTRICT RECALLED.

SUSPICIOUS CHARACTER KILLED BY DETECTIVE.

CORONER'S ENQUIRY OPENED.

During the evening of June 27th a Chinese detective, in plain clothes, was on duty near the Central Market, in the vicinity of Jubilee Street, when he saw four Chinese, who appeared to be men of suspicious character, approaching him. The detective had a struggle with one of them, but the man bolted, discarding his coat in his hurry to get away. Giving chase the detective fired four shots from his revolver at the runaway, who was killed instantaneously.

The incident formed the subject of an enquiry opened by Mr. R. E. Lindell, sitting as Coroner with a jury, at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon.

Addressing the jury, Mr. Lindell related the circumstances of the affair and said it would be for the jury to decide, after hearing all the evidence, whether the detective was justified in firing or not.

MEDICAL EVIDENCE.

Medical evidence given by Dr. J. R. Craig, Government Medical Officer and Officer in charge of the Victoria Mortuary, said that a post-mortem examination held by him on June 28th, showed that the dead Chinese, aged about 35 years, had received three wounds.

Describing them, the doctor said one was a round puncture wound about one inch to the left of the centre line of the backbone, measuring about three-sixteenths of an inch across, and was just where the spine joined the left hip-bone. The bullet passed through the intestines passing out through the front of the right groin. The second wound seared the left forearm, and the third wound through the liver and small intestines, making a hole in the abdominal wall and passing out through the calf of the leg. The three wounds appeared to have been caused by bullets like the one shown him. The first and third bullets appeared to have been fired from behind and the second from the side.

Evidence by the Police Armourer, Mr. C. Greenwood, was to the effect that the bullet shown him was a .38 calibre short revolver bullet and witness said that the detective's revolver, produced, would fire such a type of bullet.

BULLET AND SHEATH.

Further evidence showed that when the body was removed to the mortuary, the Chinese mortuary attendant picked up a spent bullet while fell out of the dead man's trouser's leg. From the man's socks was recovered a canvas knife sheath.

A Chinese accountant employed at Tung Man Street, next to Jubilee Street, and two streets away from the Central Market heard shouts of "don't move your hands" while he was working at his abacus. He looked out of the shop and saw one Chinese holding another Chinese. He heard no shots.

Another Chinese, who was walking towards Queen's Road saw a Chinese being held in Tung Man Street. On reaching Queen's Road he heard two shots fired.

GAVE CHASE.

Further evidence was to the effect that the detective gave chase to the other Chinese when he bolted from Jubilee Street into Des Vaux Road and that shots were fired at him by the detective, the runaway dropping dead near the Des Vaux Road entrance of the Central Market.

When the dead body was taken to Central Police Station the same evening in a chair, a search produced a dagger from among the man's clothing; while the Chinese detective handed to Detective Sub-Inspector Lane his revolver, which had two live bullets in it and four empty shells.

FELT A STING.

Mr. T. H. King (Director of Criminal Intelligence) stated that a Chinese pedestrian, who was not present in Court, had been wounded by a stray shot from the detective's revolver. The man had felt a sensation as if a stone had given him a slight sting in the leg, but was unaware he had been wounded for some time.

At this juncture, the Coroner adjourned the enquiry until to-day at noon, when the Chinese detective in question will relate his story of the affair.

ALLEGED DISORDERLY CONDUCT.

INCIDENT AT THE CAFE PARISIEN.

MANAGER IN COURT.

As a sequel to an incident, which occurred at the Cafe Restaurant Parisien, in Pedder Building, last night, Mr. L. G. Taylor, the manager, was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Magistracy yesterday morning with "disorderly conduct."

The Magistrate said he understood that further proceedings would be instituted in the case, and he proposed to remand Mr. Taylor on the charge until Monday. Mr. Taylor, who was on bail of \$100, was informed that he would be allowed a continuance of the bail in the same amount.

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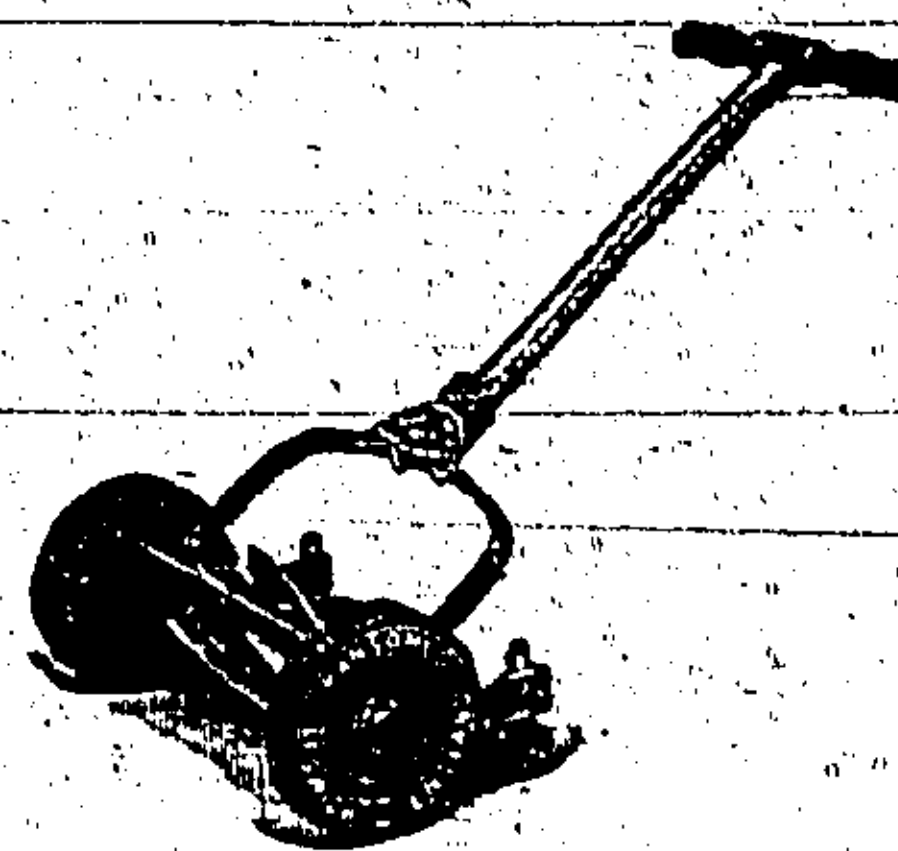
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A PRICELESS ASSET.

The life-blood of Hongkong is shipping. It is a statement that has been repeated again and again by those in a position to judge the causes of the growth and prosperity of this centre of commerce. We are, therefore, interested in any event which affects world shipping and it is with pleasure, and perhaps relief, that we call our readers' attention to the significance of one of the most important shipping transactions since the war. We often hear about the troubles of the old country; let us now chronicle again a triumph.

At the end of the war the hopes and ambition of the United States to develop as a great commercial sea power became apparent to the rest of the world. It seemed inevitable that the richest nation on earth, with one coast line along the Pacific Ocean and another stretching along the Atlantic from Canada to the Panama Canal, must control the largest merchant marine. Great ideas were put forward and stimulating theories advanced to prove that America's sea ambitions would soon be realised. The trident was to pass into the hands of Uncle Sam.

A few years of practical experience has shown the shipping magnates of America that you cannot change human nature. Uncle Sam does not really like the sea. He is not cut out to be a sailor. Very sensibly he has now decided that he can find plenty of scope for his amazing energy on land. He must have some ships for his commerce, but he is not going to run vessels indefinitely at a loss.

So he sold the White Star Line to John Bull. He decided that it was the wisest thing to do in the circumstances, although it may not have been an easy matter to confess that his old friend and maritime rival across the herring-pond knew more about the shipping business than he did. On the other hand it was expensive to run the line just to "save face."

The fact of the matter is that the British are a maritime nation and the Americans are not. They are much better off materially. They understand mass production and show a genius for certain work that merits the admiration of other nations. The one great asset of the British race is its genius for seafaring. That created the British Empire. It sent the early merchant adventurers to China. It won the battles of Trafalgar and Jutland. We willingly recognise the pre-eminence of the United States in its wonderful system of mass production, but we want no other "chop" for the British Empire than that of Britannia with the trident in her hand.

We can bear many reverses with a smile, but it would be a hard blow if we lost our pre-eminence place as a seafaring nation. The sale of the White Star Line was caused by hard economic facts and we may be satisfied that the challenge to Britannia will not be renewed for many a long year.

Mr. Francisco Bonachea, the new Consul for the Republic of Cuba, has arrived in the Colony.

According to the old Chinese calendar, yesterday was the Feast of Heavenly Gifts (T'ien-kuan-chieh).

The Colonial Secretariat advises us that quarantine restrictions have been imposed against arrivals from Yokohama on account of plague.

An account of the work of the Chinese Y.W.C.A. will be given by Miss Elliot at the Helena May Institute this morning at 10.30.—Advvt.

A Chinese was slightly injured at North Point on Wednesday, through being knocked down by car driven by Mr. H. E. Goldsmith.

The return, in connection with notifiable diseases, states that for the twenty-four hours ended July 14th there were two cases (Chinese) of enteric fever.

A Chinese was sentenced to one week's hard labour at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, for stealing two pairs of shoes from a cobbler's stall in Shanghai Street.

Entries for the Hongkong Lawn Bowls Association's Double Championship and Spey Royal Cup competitions, closed yesterday, but details were not available.

H.E. the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.) and Lady Clementi, had a party at Mountain Lodge yesterday afternoon, at which over a hundred people attended.

Mr. M. L. Maille is retiring from his position of manager of the Grand Hotel de Peking, and will live at his residence in the Western Hills, near Peking. He will be succeeded, within a few days, by Mons. Tillet from Paris.

Mr. J. H. Taggart, Managing Director of the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., left Shanghai on the 8th inst., aboard the str. *President Pierce* for the United States. He will visit there and in England before returning to the Orient about next November.

The students of Ying Wa, St. Stephen's College, St. Paul's College, and other Christian institutions will this year have a summer conference at the hotel of St. Stephen's College, from August 20th to 24th, instead of going to Canton for the purpose as in former years.

As the result of search on board the Dutch steamer *Van Oostvaden*, on her arrival from China at Penang on July 7th, 879 taels of illicit opium await ownership at the Government Chandu Monopolies. The opium was found among the cargo in number two hold and is valued at \$7,311.

This summer throughout Hongkong there will be ten Vacation Bible Schools conducted by local Chinese Christians, beginning July 19th. More than 1,500 children are expected to attend. These Vacation Schools continue for one month. They are under the direction of Mr. Chang King Suen, of the Chinese Y.M.C.A.

The death is reported of Mr. Peter Cronin, Chief Detective Inspector and Court Inspector at Malacca, which occurred last week at the early age of forty and after a period of illness. A former member of the Royal Irish Constabulary, the late Mr. Cronin joined the Straits Settlements Police Force some twenty-six years ago and rose from the rank of constable to the position he held at the time of his death. Mr. Cronin went to Malacca from Singapore in 1922.

Home mail via Negapatam (letters only, dated London, June 17th) arrived by the s.s. *Chirala* yesterday afternoon.

At the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, a Chinese was sentenced to two weeks' imprisonment for loitering in the vicinity of the Observatory early on Wednesday morning.

In a collision between motor-cars, driven by Professor Coffey, of the Hongkong University, and Mr. W. A. Hannibal on the Repulse Bay Road, on Wednesday night, one of the cars was slightly damaged.

A solemn Requiem Service for the late Rev. Mother Felicie, Superiress of the French Convent, is to be held at the Roman Catholic Cathedral on Monday next, the 19th inst., at 8 a.m. All friends are cordially invited to attend.

While Mrs. Grantham, of Queen's Gardens, was walking Des Vaux Road, near the Sincere Company, at noon on Wednesday, a Chinese snatched a silk bag she was carrying in her hand and made his escape. The bag, valued at \$20, contained in addition to a few articles a sum of \$18 in money.

Lieut. Col. W. R. Meredith, D.S.O., the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, who arrived at Singapore by the *Rangoon* on the 3rd inst., has been appointed to take over the duties of Commandant, Federated Malay States Volunteer Regiment, in succession to Lieut. Col. F. B. W. Graham, D.S.O., M.C., the Royal Ulster Rifles.

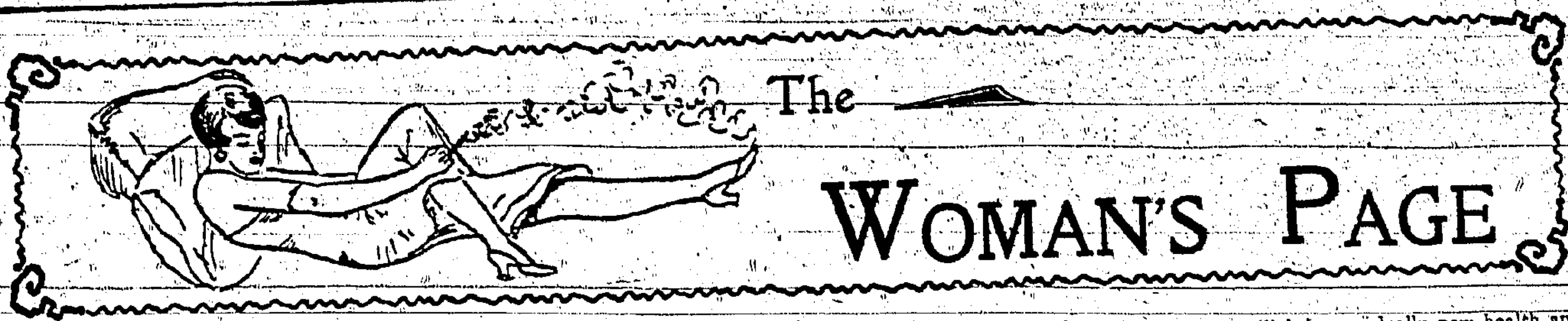
The two "world cyclists," Ignio Gibelli and Anthony Kundering, who were in Hongkong some little time ago, during their tour of South China, recently reached Hankow, after an interesting although arduous journey from Canton via many Chinese villages and mountain paths. From Hankow they have proceeded on to Northern China.

There was to have been a sale, by order of the mortgagees, of leasehold property situate at Nos. 15 and 16, Mui Pong Street, with areas of 1,063 square feet and 779 square feet, respectively, at Mr. A. G. da Rocha's salerooms, No. 2, D'Aguilar Street, yesterday afternoon, but, prior to the time of the sale the property was withdrawn from the market.

A pretty wedding took place in Paris on June 24th between Mademoiselle Colette Bernheim, daughter of Madame and Monsieur le Colonel Bernheim, Officer de la Legion d'Honneur, Croix de Guerre, and grand-daughter of Madame Com. and Monsieur le General Denary, Commandeur de la Legion d'Honneur, Croix de Guerre, with Mr. L. Walsh, Hongkong, manager of J. Ullmann & Co.

Before Mr. R. E. Lindell, at the Central Magistracy yesterday, three Chinese were charged with unlawful possession of opium. Inspector Watt intimated that a further charge of dealing in opium might be preferred against the first defendant. The case was remanded, bail being allowed the first defendant in the sum of \$500, the second \$150, and the third \$90. Mr. W. B. Hind represented the defendants.

That the substitution of a Klaxon horn for the ordinary bicycle bell is forbidden by law was impressed upon a Chinese who was charged,

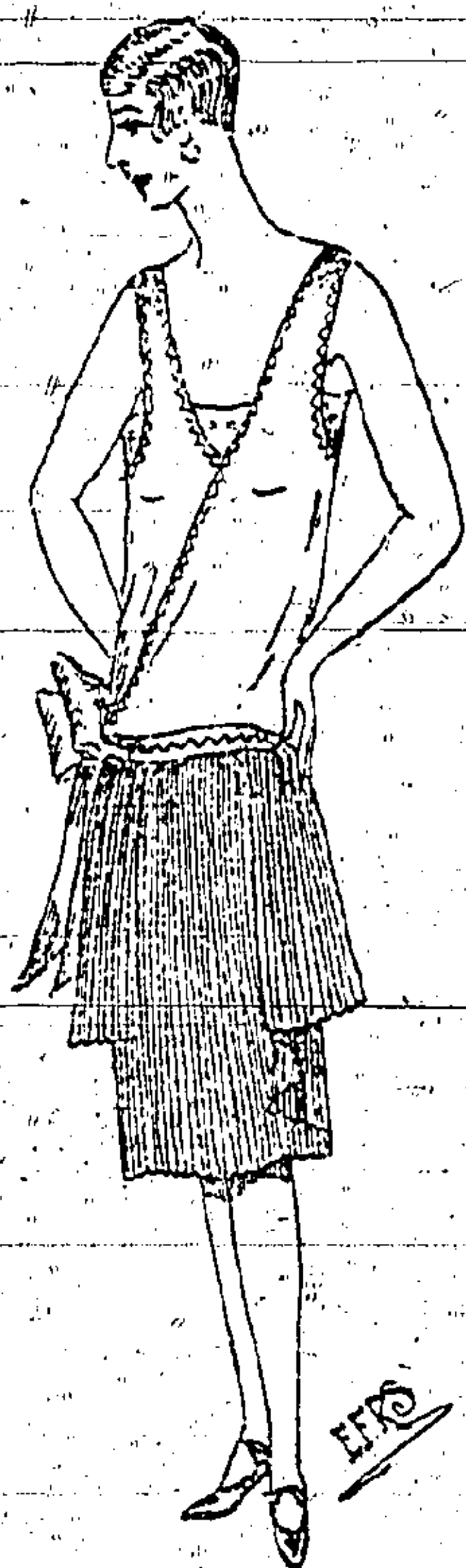


The WOMAN'S PAGE

FASHION.

Summer capes, we are told, are extraordinarily popular now in Paris and, fortunately, capes are the most becoming and graceful wear that could be found. The other day I saw a few very delightful models at Mme. Flint's—French models in black, purple and brown. There are also very pretty models in other stores and it ought not to be difficult to find something attractive to suit every taste.

For those who cannot afford French models I can offer a few suggestions. The central illustration on this page shows a cape of the now-so fashionable broad pattern which may be worked in one, two or three pieces and can be inter-set with stripes of gold or silver. From the tips on both sides the cape can be buttoned up to serve as a coat.



This model shows a tunic of crepe-satin and a pleated, tiered skirt of crepe-georgette with panel in front. The trimming can be effectively worked of silver brocade.

(Buttons and buttonholes are slightly indicated in the pattern.) For those who grow tired of their shawls, a shawl may be remodelled on these lines quite easily.

The plainer model is very effective when made of black or white silk with a black or white collar and lining. A light cape like this one is certainly very chic and is extremely useful out here where the evenings never grow cold enough for a heavier coat.

There is a "fied-in front" tendency in many dress models now-a-days in order to preserve the slim silhouette. Skirts remain stationary at 14 inches from the ground but waistlines are not yet at a definite point. Sleeves are either long, embroidered and very wide, or non-existent at night time. Fringe is still in vogue and produces—although straight in repose—a restless line as soon as the wearer moves or dances.

As far as colour is concerned the majority of fashionable women in Europe still favour black for evening gowns. It is lovely and cool to wear out-

here and as it allows such a great variety in trimmings and accessories, it never becomes monotonous.

Pleating has an important place in the fashion field and it is quite smart to hold pleats in place by several horizontal lines of machine stitching, giving the effect of a skirt yoke. As far as dress accessories are concerned, it might be mentioned that bags should match hats and shoes. The most fashionable colour for stockings at the present is plain beige or grey silk for day wear. The sweet, cloying, and rather too apparent perfumes have gone the way of the crinolines and the ruffles and their place has been taken by more delicate scents. I passed through Watson's perfumery department the other day and there is a more than wonderful choice of all kinds of French perfumes.



A smart cape which may, if required, be buttoned to serve as a coat. A shawl may be easily and effectively remodelled on these lines.

Houbigant, Coty's and others. They are not expensive either. Almost every woman who uses perfume knows that it should not be put on the dress but on the lingerie. Even the best perfumes are likely to stain our dresses. A little perfume on the forehead or on the neck gives a distinct charm.

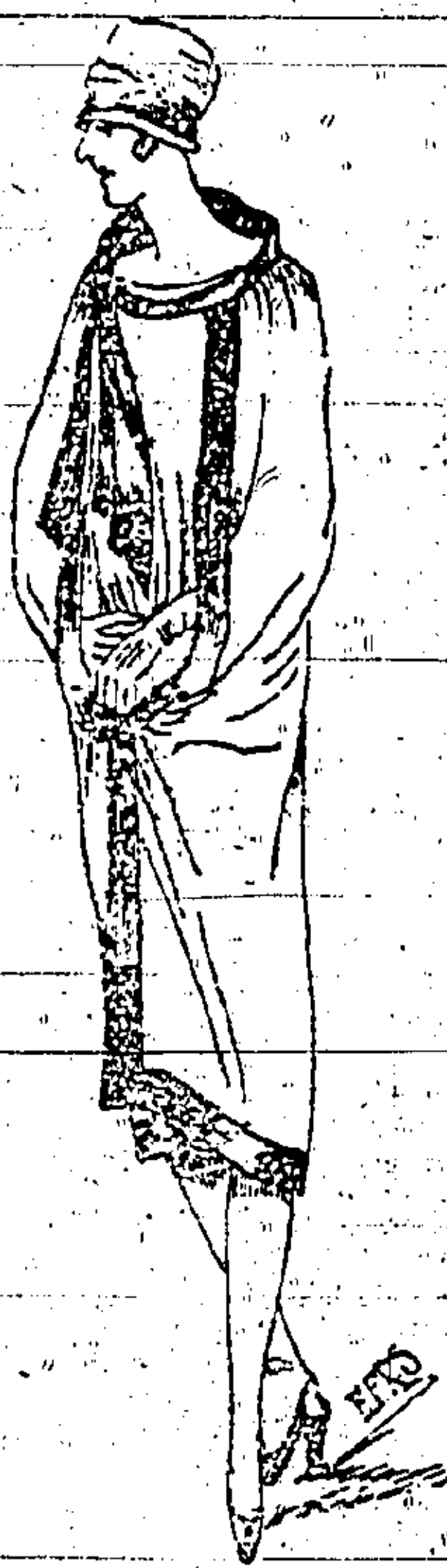
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Shoes and Ankles.

There is hardly anything that speaks more for the whole person or is in itself a greater recommendation of the rest of the dress than a good pair of shoes and the right shoe for the right occasion. Even old dress will look all right if your footwear is at its best. If you have shapely ankles you can find a great variety of shoes and slippers with pretty straps. But should your foot be short and your ankle rather big avoid straps and wear slippers without straps. The Americans have ankle corsets which help wonderful to shape ankles but it is not good to wear them for long periods or too often and I would not advise them use on a long walk.

THE BEAUTY PARLOUR.

Campbell Moore's employ some clever and good hairdressers and they have all kinds of toilette articles in stock. I, therefore, asked recently why it was that the Empress beauty parlours attracted so many Hongkong women. It was admitted that the hairdressers on these boats are very good indeed and pleasure was expressed that so many ladies in Hongkong had enough money to allow gold dollars to be spent on hair cuts. It would be a good investment I think if some of our local hairdressers would send a few of their best assistants for a short intensive training in the latest American methods. As long as shingling is fashionable there will be a steadily growing demand here for expert hairdressers. Even now some of the beauty parlours are so constantly crowded with Chinese shingled maidens who have to wait patiently for their turn.



A light chic cape, very suitable for Hongkong.

With the slim line goes the slim modern goifure and apparently the curls and the puffs of a few years ago are gone for ever. But this new simplicity emphasizes dry, oily and neglected hair. It accentuates any little lack of perfection. Never before has fashion demanded hair so well-groomed, so alive and so clean.

Here is an old but well recommended recipe for a hair lotion which serves especially to strengthen the hair.

Sulphate of quinine 10 grains
Tincture of Jaborandi 1 ounce
Tincture of Cantharides 1 drachm
Eau de Cologne 1 ounce
Spirit of bay 1 ounce
Glycerine 1 ounce
Rose Water 8 ounces

Blonde hair needs usually more care than dark hair. Blonde hair must be immaculate—the tiniest bit of dust, dimes its lustre. Because blonde hair must be washed more frequently than dark hair and because, too, the scalp of the blonde is often more sensitive than that of the brunette, the shampoo is recommended. A proper shampoo is more than a mere washing of the hair. The proper shampoo will not only cleanse wonderfully,

but will bring gradually new health and vitality to your hair.

The shingle has caused a revolution in the boudoir millinery. Instead of the floppy, frilled caps that once covered long plaits tied with blue ribbons, Eve to-day covers her head with a basin shaped affair that is not unlike a beehive. If she wants to look fluffy she has tufts of ostrich feathers over each ear. Some have design painted on them in gay tints. All this serves to keep the close shingle in shape.

The Other Point of View.

"I had rather wear my hair long and have a few people say that I am old-fashioned than to have it cut off and be classed as 'just another bobbed-haired girl.'"

This is Jobyna Ralston's reply to all questions relative to the clipping of her long brown curls. That is her own personal interest in the matter. As a matter of professional interest she couldn't have her hair bobbed if she wanted to. She is under contract to Harold Lloyd with a stipulated phrase in the contract that she is not to bob her hair during the interval of her engagement with him.

Although my hair is long, I have no trouble in putting it up," Miss Ralston says. "I have a lot of fun experimenting with different types of hair-dress that I would be unable to do if it were bobbed. Most girls with bobbed hair spend their spare time getting it look after, or get up an hour earlier in the morning to curl it themselves."

I like to play golf too well to sit around in a hair-dresser's shop, and, as my hair is naturally curly, all I have to do is to dampen it a bit, brush it a little, tuck in a few hairpins and I'm all ready for work or play. No sir, no bobbed hair for me!"

Finger-nails.

The latest craze in Paris is to paint the finger nails the colour of the hat. Thus with a purple hat you can have purple finger nails. I do not suppose many women will follow this fashion even in Paris. And yet if one wanted to be very "dashing," think in how many different colours one could enamel one's finger-nails!

HOUSEHOLD HINTS.

Out with the Inkspot.

There are quite a few recipes available for getting rid of inkspots before the dress has been washed. But the other day I read of a procedure for getting rid of these stains after the garment had returned from the laundry.

Take permanganate potash and add a few drops of oil of vitriol to it. Then brush the whole mixture on to the material and you will produce a nasty brown stain. But this will disappear if you apply in about ten minutes time a weak solution of hydrogen peroxide. Subsequently, wash the whole thing in clear water, and the inkspots will disappear.

A may-be Cocktail.

You may call it a "may-be cocktail" or a refreshing drink. It is absolutely harmless and very invigorating. Take two wine glasses of Italian vermouth, one wineglass of whisky and a bottle of iced lemonade, and shake the mixture in the cocktail shaker. Add a piece of ice and see if it does not make a refreshing drink, served before dinner.

FROM ONE WHO KNOWS.

OUR COOKING RECIPE.

One of the finest cooks in Hongkong will, each week, give a favourite recipe in this column.

String Beans Lyonnaise.

Cut three slices of bacon in small pieces, cook crisp and remove the fat. Cook a small sliced onion in the fat until yellow; add three cupfuls of cooked string beans, with the bacon, one-quarter teaspoonful of salt and one-eighth teaspoonful of pepper. Serve very hot. Tarragon or mint vinegar is very good with this dish.

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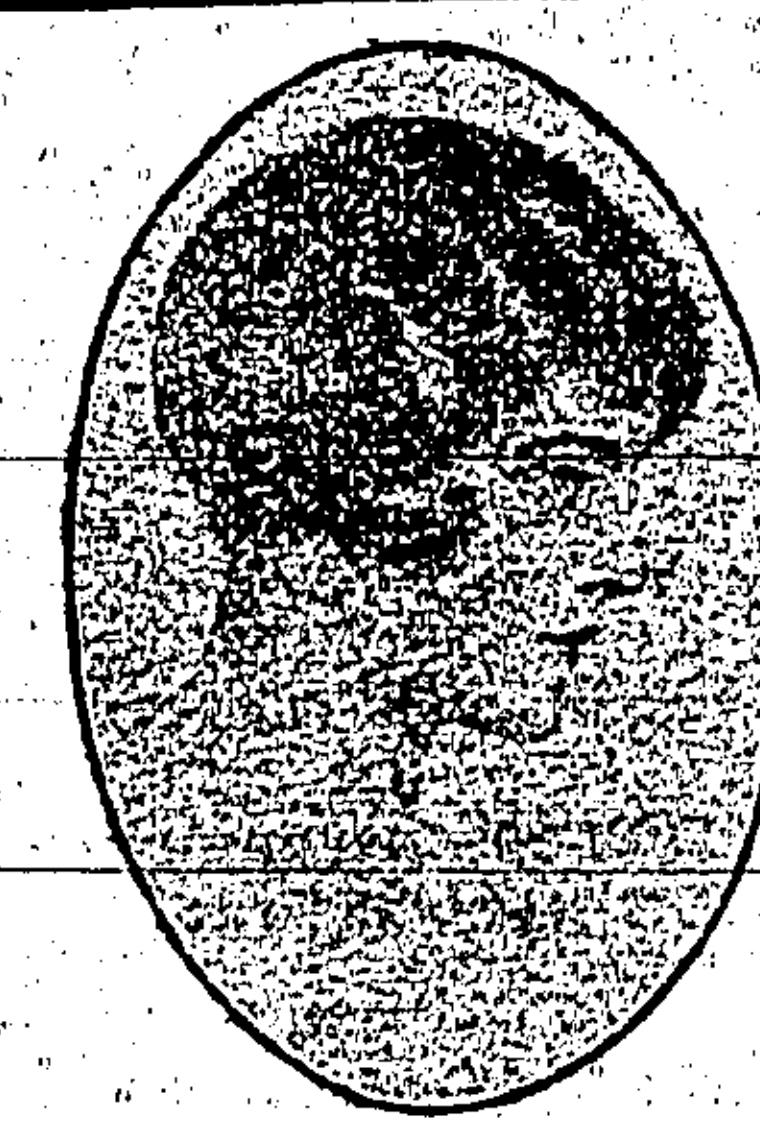
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H.K.C.C. TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

MAJOR STEVENSON WINS THE SINGLES HANDICAP.

By consistently steady play, Major Stevenson (owe 2/8) defeated S. E. Green (owe 15/3) yesterday evening in the Singles Handicap "A," the score being: 7-5, 6-4, 6-3. Showing remarkable agility in getting about the Court, Green played a forceful game throughout the match, frequently scoring with his strong drives. The champion, however, fell away as the game progressed, probably on account of the strain of the match under the sultry heat, which his opponent appeared to feel less.

HONG DOUBLES.

Yesterday evening's match resulted in F. S. Thompson and R. I. C. Valentine (Doddwells) (rec. 15/1) defeating D. S. Green and T. D. E. Pendered (A.P.C.) (rec. 5/8) in the second round by 6-2, 5-7, 6-3.

TODAY'S MATCHES.

2nd Round:—Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern and E. W. Hamilton (rec. 15/1) v. A. W. Hayward and J. D. Humphreys (rec. 3/8).

3rd Round:—A. Bressley and J. A. Summers (scr.) v. H. R. Forsyth and B. Cowley (rec. 15/1).

GOLF.

Shanghai is reported to have accepted new conditions, proposed by Hongkong, for interport golf matches.

Foursomes will be played on the first day, as distinct from four-balls, when the Hongkong team goes up in the autumn. Singles will be played the second day. There will be no byes and all matches will count as one point.

In other words, the match will be on the lines of the Walker Cup (Britain v. America) annual contest for amateurs.

An excellent programme has been arranged for the August meeting at Happy Valley. On Sunday, August 1st, there will be a 36 holes medal competition from scratch, and there will, in this connection, be an 18 holes 81 sweep stage, under handicap, both morning and afternoon.

On the Monday morning there will be an 18 holes bogey competition, and there will be a special prize for the Junior Section, in which three quarters of handicap up to 24 can be used. In the afternoon, mixed foursomes, nine holes, will be played.

Two valuable committee members will be lost to the Royal Hongkong Golf Club in Messrs. J. N. Walker and G. S. Archbutt who are going on Home leave.

In connection with the Kowloon Golf Club Summer Cup competition, the players are now reduced to eight. The next round has to be finished by July 25th and the matches are as under:—

D. C. Wilson v. E. D. da Costa, J. McLaglan v. W. J. Carroll, A. W. Robertson v. S. Hewkin and K. S. Robertson v. P. E. Remedios. The course is in good condition, I hear, and playing very well.

BILLIARDS.

FALKNER'S FINE PLAY AT SINGAPORE.

Mr. Claude Falkner, the well-known billiards professional, greatly pleased his audience at the Garden Club, Singapore, when he met Mr. Hume to S. Law, a very capable local amateur, in a match of 800 up.

Once he had got used to the table the professional scored rapidly. He made very fine breaks of 124, 176, 125 and 118, unfinished, by all round play, in which nursery cannons were as usual a much appreciated feature. Mr. Law played a very good game, and made two breaks of 36 and another of 35.

Afterwards Mr. Falkner played a game of snooker with Mr. Law and gave an exhibition of fancy shots.

MAKES MALAYA RECORD OF 441.

A splendid break of 441 was the feature of Claude Falkner's exhibition at the Singapore Club.

The professional was engaged in a match of 1,000 up with Col. Tyte, and gave his usual fine display of all round billiards. In addition to his big effort he made two breaks of 119.

The 441, which easily ranks as a record for Malaya, was most attractively compiled. It contained a brilliant series of nursery cannons, but having shown what he can do by this method, Mr. Falkner adopted a more open style of play, and every variety of shot was demonstrated.

His control of the ball was marvellous, but perhaps most remarkable of all was the speed with which he scored. He gets right down to a shot and plays it, and is then ready for the next one. He received many congratulations in what was certainly the finest display of first-class billiards ever seen in the country.

Col. Tyte played a very good game, and scored rapidly in the early stages. His best breaks were 43 and 40, and he made several of over 20.

DEEP SEA FISHING.

HONGKONG ANGLING CLUB COMPETITION.

Weather conditions permitting, a deep sea fishing competition will be held towards the end of this month for members of the Hongkong Angling Club.

Full particulars regarding the exact place of contest and the conditions under which the competition will be held, will be announced later and members wishing to take part in the competition are requested to send their names in, as soon as possible, to the Hon. Secretary, Mr. P. B. C. Horrell, care of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.

SHIPMASTERS KEPT WAITING.

LOCAL HARBOUR OFFICE METHODS CRITICISED.

DISSATISFACTION AT TREATMENT.

It may not generally be known, outside the circle of those immediately affected (says *Shipping and Engineering*, of Shanghai) that there is a great deal of dissatisfaction among shipmasters visiting Hongkong in regard to the treatment accorded them when calling at the Harbour-Master's office on duty.

We dealt at length, some time ago, with the former attitude (we are not aware whether it still persists) of the Hongkong harbour authorities in consistently withholding from shipmasters, in such a manner as could not fail to give offence, the title of Captain; and now there is another matter in regard to which Captains of merchant vessels and their officers appear to have considerable cause for complaint.

VALUABLE TIME.

As is hardly necessary to mention, it is a frequent duty of masters (and officers) of ships visiting Hongkong to call at the Harbour Office with documents etc., for the signature of either the Harbour-Master or one of his subordinates. According to our information, which we have not the slightest reason to doubt, it almost invariably occurs that the masters or officers concerned are kept waiting for an unconscionably long time outside the door of the Assistant Harbour-Master's office before eventually they are accorded a little attention.

At first sight, this would appear to be rather frivolous cause of complaint, but actually it is not, for the time of the master of a merchant vessel, and correlatively, the time of his employees, is quite as valuable as that of those in other callings, and particularly Government officials in any capacity and in any place.

Of course, the obvious remedy would be for the persons kept waiting to take the bull by the horns and invade the sanctum sanctorum, without ceremony, determined and irresistible. But, strange as it may seem, the average shipmaster, when it comes to dealing with the officer people, is both sensitive and delicate. He is not of his element among typewriters and highly polished desks and the general air of pinviable superiority that goes with any Government office, that he is ever so humble, and is more than diffident about laying himself open to being told to "get outside and wait."

PUBLIC SERVANTS.

While it is fully to be realized and appreciated that the Harbour Office at Hongkong is one of the most important and essential cogs of the wheel of Government and administration in the Colony, and that the Harbour officials have a multitude of important duties to perform, it should also be realized and appreciated to an equal extent what, alas! is so frequently overlooked nowadays, that all departments of any Government, and all members of the staffs of those departments, are first and foremost, public servants, and are there for the conduct of public business and for the benefit of convenience of such members of the public as may have official dealings with them.

THE CAUSE.

We would never be so crude as to suggest that the fact that Merchant Service Captains and officers have been kept cooling their heels for indefinite periods outside the door of the Harbour Office at Hongkong is due to any consideration that they are of little moment in the world of tape, but would rather believe that any lapse in that direction have been due to the combined causes of oversight and overwork, blended, possibly, with a little thoughtlessness. Let us hope that in future it will be understood that while the time of the average shipmaster is not, perhaps, to be reckoned as so many dollars a second, it is at least as valuable as that of the average person working for a living, and that the shipmaster, no less than any other person, has no liking to be kept waiting for maybe sixty minutes for the transaction of a business which possibly will take less than as many seconds to complete.

"TUNGCHOW" PIRACY RECALLED.

CAPTAIN W. MACINTOSH LEAVES FOR HOME.

The piracy of the s.s. *Tungchow*, which vessel was seized in January last by Cantonese pirates between Shanghai and Tientsin, at Weihsaiwei, taken to Bias Bay and then abandoned, is recalled by the news of the departure for Home of Capt. W. MacIntosh, who was in command of the steamer at the time.

Capt. MacIntosh is one of the China Navigation Company's best-known skipper, and he left Shanghai last week for England on the P. & O. s.s. *Essex*. He bears a pathetic mark of his encounter with the pirates, having had the wound foot amputated, as a result of the wound he received when the ship was seized.

When the pirates, disguised as passengers, revealed themselves, they tried to compel Capt. MacIntosh to surrender. He refused to do so. As a consequence, the pirates shot at him, and Capt. MacIntosh has been in hospital practically ever since having his wounds treated.

Three men arrested on B. & S. boat later and identified as members of the pirate gang went to their death recently before a firing squad in the native city at Shanghai.

HONGKONG SHIPPING.

Yesterday's shipping statement again gave low returns, the freight engaged being over four thousand tons below that of the previous day, despite the fact that there was one arrival more than on that occasion. On the other hand, Hongkong cargo registered slight increase, while that for ports beyond decreased by over five thousand tons. There was only one British arrival, but this steamer brought nearly half the cargo for this port.

At 9 a.m. yesterday there were 47 vessels in the harbour, of which 21 were British. During the previous 24 hours nine vessels arrived, viz., one British, two French, one American, one German, one Japanese and three Chinese. The departures over the same period came to ten viz., one Japanese for Batavia, one Dutch for Sourabaya, two British for Shanghai, one Japanese for Swatow, one Japanese for Hongkong, one Chinese for Haohai, one Chinese for Sha U Chung, one British for Manila and one Chinese for Tourane. Clearances numbered six, viz., one Japanese for Hongkong, one British for Haiphong, one Norwegian for Shanghai, one British for Marseilles, one British for Tientsin and one Chinese for Macao.

CARGO ENTERED.

(During the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday).

For Hongkong 5,065 tons.
For ports beyond 8,239 "

Total 13,304 "

(During the previous 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. on Wednesday).

For Hongkong 4,234 tons.
For ports beyond 11,796 "

Total 16,030 "

Of the cargo entered for Hongkong, the British arrival brought 2,239 tons, while another vessel brought 1,037 tons. With regard to freight for ports beyond, there were only two entries, these being an American vessel with 940 tons and a German steamer with 5,329 tons.

The arrivals for the twenty-four hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday were as under:—

Yat Shing (British) from Shanghai and Poochow with 2,239 tons of general cargo and mail;

Song Bo (French) from Haiphong and Fort Bayard with 470 tons of general cargo and mail;

Jade (French) from Fort Bayard with 130 tons of general cargo;

President Grant (American) from Manila with 28 tons of tobacco and 6 tons of general cargo—total 34 tons, mail and 812 tons of hemp;

81 tons of cigars and 37 tons of general cargo—total 490 tons for ports beyond;

Fulda (German) from Hamburg and Singapore with 1,037 tons of general cargo, mail and 5,329 tons for ports beyond;

Hosan Maru (Japanese) from Keelung and Swatow with 968 tons of general cargo and mail;

Chung King (Chinese) from Kwang Chow Wan with 160 tons of general cargo and mail;

Sui Yik (Chinese) from Sha U Chung with 100 tons of general cargo;

Tak Hing (Chinese) from Nam Tau with four tons of vegetables.

Later arrivals yesterday, too late for inclusion in the above returns, were curiously enough all British; and were as under:—

Tilawa (British) from Osaka and Amoy with 733 tons of pig iron and general cargo, mail and 998 tons of general cargo for ports beyond;

Tatping (British) from Melbourne and Manila with 29 tons of frozen cargo and 522 tons of general cargo; mail and 295 tons for ports beyond;

SHIPPING NOTES.

The master of the s.s. *Fulda* (German) from Hamburg and Singapore, reported to the Harbour Office yesterday that during the voyage to Hongkong, two passengers died from natural causes.

Shipping is warned that two or three bombs will be fired, for instructional purposes, on Wednesday, July 21st, at noon.

At the Marine Court yesterday, before Lieut-Commander G. F. Hole, R.N., the fate of a trading junk was fined \$10, with the alternative of ten days' hard labour, for anchoring his junk at the Eastern Entrance to Causeway Bay thereby causing an obstruction.

At the same Court, the mistress of a fishing boat was fined \$5, or five days' hard labour in default, for using drags, grapples, or other means within the Harbour limits, for the purpose of lifting articles or things from the bed thereof, without the necessary permission.

The Master of the s.s. *Shirala* (British) from Calcutta and Singapore, reported to the Harbour Office yesterday that during the voyage to Hongkong one of the Chinese deck passengers, out of a total of 1,020, died from heart failure.

The total number of deck passengers entered for the twenty-four hours, ended at 9 a.m. yesterday, was 699, of which the s.s. *Song Bo* (French) from Haiphong Haiphong and Fort Bayard carried 265 and the s.s. *Hosan Maru* (Japanese) from Keelung and Swatow 262.

The "official" typhoon season commenced yesterday and will be continued for the next three months. As previously mentioned in these notes, masters of vessels have been warned to have on board at least one certificated deck officer and sufficient deck and engine room hands to raise anchor and get the vessel under way. This applies particularly to vessels which have been laid up without a full crew on board, and although the complement of these vessels does not matter so much for the greater part of the year, it is of importance that until October 15th is reached there should be sufficient crew on board to meet any emergency that may arise.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN HONGKONG.

FOR JULY, 1926

(STANDARD TIME OF THE 120TH MERIDIAN).

Date.	Sunrise.	Sunset.
July 16th.....	5.48 a.m.	7.10 p.m.
" 17th.....	5.48 "	7.10 "
" 18th.....	5.49 "	7.10 "
" 19th.....	5.49 "	7.10 "
" 20th.....	5.49 "	7.09 "
" 21st.....	5.50 "	7.09 "
" 22nd.....	5.50 "	7.09 "
" 23rd.....	5.51 "	7.08 "
" 24th.....	5.51 "	7.08 "
" 25th.....	5.51 "	7.07 "
" 26th.....	5.52 "	7.07 "
" 27th.....	5.52 "	7.06 "
" 28th.....	5.52 "	7.06 "
" 29th.....	5.53 "	7.06 "
" 30th.....	5.53 "	7.05 "
" 31st.....	5.54 "	7.05 "

VESSELS IN DOCK.

The following vessels are in Dock:—
Taikoo Dock:—*Cape Point*, *Corbio* and *Heingshan*.

Shirala (British) from Calcutta and Singapore with 734 tons of general cargo, mail and 4,425 tons for ports beyond;

Hai Ning (British) from Foochow and Amoy with 423 tons of general cargo and mail;

Corbio (British) from Kobe and Amoy with a nil entry.

HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hongkong Observatory, July 15th.

	Previous Day at 2 p.m.	On Date at 5 a.m.	On Date at 5 p.m.
Barometer	29.70	29.68	29.68
Temperature	83	80	88
Humidity	83	91	67
Wind Direction	SW	0-1m	8
Force	3	0	0
Weather	C	C	O
Rain	0.00	0.00	0.00

Highest open-air Temperature on 14th 89
Lowest open-air Temperature on 15th 80

R=Blue sky; C=Cloudy; D=Drizzle; F=Fog; L=Lightning; M=Mist; O=Overcast; P=Passing showers; Q=Squalls; R=Rain; T=Thunder.

HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.

From July 16th to 22nd, 1926.

HIGH WATER.				LOW WATER.			
Days of Week.	Date.	H'kong Standard Time.	Height.	Days of Week.	Date.	H'kong Standard Time.	Height.
Fri.	16	h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.		
		2 33	4 6		6 11	3 6	
		0 26	4 6		8 17	1 6	
Satur.	17	h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.		
		1 14	5 1		7 9	3 7	
		3 46	4 4		9 38	3 7	
Sun.	18	h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.		
		2 19	4 6		9 38	3 4	
		4 43	4 3		11 11	2 4	
Mon.	19	h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.		
		3 14	4 3		10 21	3 8	
		4 59	5 4		0 19	3 8	
Tues.	20	h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.		
		5 34	4 0		1 6	3 8	
		5 59	5 9		1 18	3 8	
Wed.	21	h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.		
		6 53	3 9		11 53	2 9	
Thurs.	22	h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.		
		6 19	6 6		2 2	1 4	
		8 2	4 0				

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Water levels (in English Feet) at 8 a.m. 1926

Place of Observation.	Height of water recorded.	Lowest water recorded.	W.L. July 12.	W.L. July 14.
Shingun, W. River	+41.7	—	+35.4	+38.7
Tsingun, N. River	+23.7	—	+6.1	Falling
Shingun, N. River	+27.3	5.0	+23.0	+24.1
R. River	+15.2	3	+0.8	+0.7

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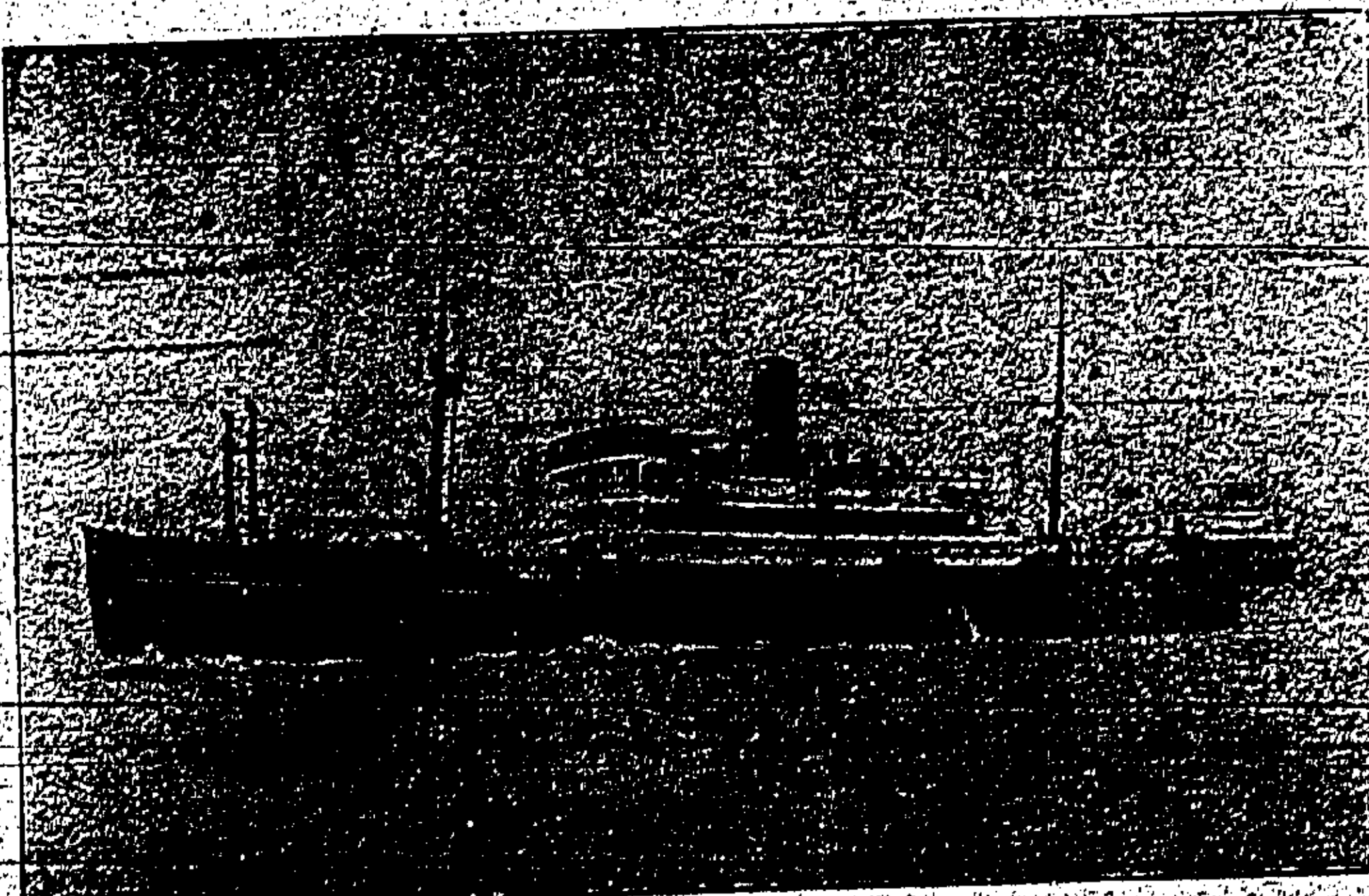
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"PADUA"	5,907	19th July, Noon	Marseilles, London, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
"KASHMIR"	8,985	22nd July, 4 p.m.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo and Bombay.
"BANPURA"	15,585	24th July, Noon	Marseilles and London.
"DELTA"	8,097	27th Aug.	Marseilles, London, and Antwerp.
"MACEDONIA"	11,099	31st Aug.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"KALYAN"	9,144	4th Sept.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"NAGPORE"	5,283	10th Sept.	Marseilles and London.
"MALWA"	10,841	18th Sept.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	2nd Oct.	Marseilles and London.
"MOREA"	10,918	16th Oct.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"KHYBER"	8,114	30th Oct.	Marseilles and London.
"MANTUA"	10,902	13th Nov.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"KARMALA"	9,128	27th Nov.	Marseilles and London.
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	11th Dec.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"DELTA"	8,097	25th Dec.	Marseilles and London.
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"DEVANHA"	8,155	30th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"TANDA"	6,956	2nd Nov.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama.
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	13th Nov.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"DELTA"	8,097	27th Nov.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	7th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MALWA"	10,841	10th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KALYAN"	9,144	24th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
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SHANGHAI	... "YINGHOW"	... On 18th July.	6 a.m.
AMOY & SHANGHAI	... "SINKIANG"	... On 20th July.	6 a.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	... "SOOCHOW"	... On 22nd July.	3 p.m.
AMOY & SINGAPORE	... "KALGAN"	... On 23rd July.	6 a.m.
WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	... "KURICHOW"	... On 23rd July.	4 p.m.
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	... "LINAN"	... On 24th July.	6 a.m.
SHANGHAI	... "SUIYANG"	... On 25th July.	6 a.m.
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